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REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the reference (HEI 10-194389) cited in the attached foreign Office Action dated October 21, 2003 and listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Cited reference HEI 4-253690 was disclosed via IDS filed September 19, 2001. A copy of the listed reference is attached, along with an English statement of relevancy. Additionally, an English translation of the foreign Office Action is attached.
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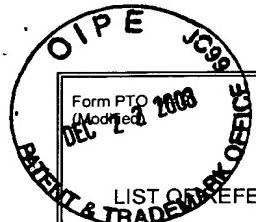
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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